

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING BISHOP J. NEAUL
HAYNES

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 20, 2006

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the accomplishments of Bishop J. Neaul Haynes. A graduate of the University of North Texas, Bishop Haynes has a long-standing commitment to the ministry and the Oak Cliff community.

Prior to his appointment as Prelate of Texas Northeast Jurisdiction, Bishop Haynes served the Jurisdiction in many capacities. He became a member of the Texas Northeast Jurisdictional Trustee Board; appointed District Superintendent of the Dallas West District in 1967; began serving as Assistant to the Jurisdictional Secretary in 1969, and was appointed as Administrative Assistant to the Jurisdictional Bishop in 1973. J. Neaul Haynes was elevated to the episcopacy as Prelate of Texas Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction in 1978.

Bishop Haynes also served the Church of God in Christ on a National level in varied capacities. In 1972 became a member of the National Trustee Board, and from 1972 to 1984 he served as Assistant General Secretary/Registration. In 1984, Bishop Haynes was elected to serve as a member of the General Board (Presidium) of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. He became the Secretary of the General Board in November, 1988. In November 1995, Bishop Haynes ascended to the position of Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. And in April, 1997, Bishop Haynes was further promoted to the position of First Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ Worldwide. In November, 2000, the Church of God in Christ elected a new Presiding Bishop, Bishop Gilbert E. Patterson. Bishop Haynes is now serving in the new administration as the Second Assistant Presiding Bishop of the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Haynes's community involvement and civic contributions demonstrate that he is a man of great vision and excellence.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to stand before my colleagues on behalf of the citizens of Dallas to congratulate Bishop J. Neaul Haynes on his selfless dedication to the Saintsville Church of God in Christ and to the Oak Cliff community. May God bless Bishop Haynes and allow him to continue his service to those in need of faith, hope, and charity.

TRIBUTE TO SAINT GEORGE
ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great enthusiasm and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate Saint George Romanian Orthodox Church as they join together in celebration of their 100th anniversary. The church, formerly of Indiana Harbor and now located in Lansing, Illinois, will be celebrating this exceptional milestone with festivities beginning on September 23, 2006, and continuing through the following day.

The cornerstone for Saint George's, laid in Indiana Harbor on November 4, 1906, represented the culmination of the efforts of the first Church Council, led by Father Moise Balea, President. These Council members, realizing the need for a church due to the growing Romanian population in Northwest Indiana, began fundraising efforts that eventually led to the completion of the first Saint George Rumanian Orthodox Church, dedicated on November 23, 1908, by the parish's first priest, the Reverend Father Ioan Tatu.

The Very Reverend Father Simion Mihalatian took the reins of Saint George's on June 20, 1908, and he remained the church's leader for an astonishing 55 years. Under Father Mihalatian's spirited guidance, Saint George's continued to grow. While fires posed challenges, the church continued to expand, relocating within the Indiana Harbor and adding a dining hall and, eventually, a school. Though he passed away on New Year's Eve in 1963, Father Mihalatian's impact on his parish continues to touch the lives of the members today. Father Mihalatian resonates today as a shining example of selfless service and unwavering commitment to the community.

From their modest beginnings, Saint George's has emerged as a pillar of the Romanian community. In 1976, Saint George's relocated to Lansing, Illinois, where it remains today. The move came under the leadership of the Very Reverend Father John Bugariu, who realized the need for more opportunities for its members and planned the construction of a recreation center. After serving the parish for 16 years, Father Bugariu, who had been named to the esteemed position of Archdiocesan Vicar, retired in 1979.

In 1979, Saint George's current leader, the Very Reverend Father Ioan Ionita, was named parish priest. A highly educated and esteemed member of the religious community, Father Ionita has faithfully served the parish for the past 27 years. A testament to his dedication and to the community's admiration of him, Father Ionita was appointed Vicar of the Archdiocese by Archbishop Nicolae Condrea in 2003.

The celebration of Saint George's 100th anniversary will begin on Saturday, September 23, 2006, with a hospitality night and will con-

tinue on Sunday, September 24, with a very special liturgy, presided over by Archbishop Nicolae Condrea. The liturgy will be followed by a gathering at the Wicker Park Social Hall in Highland, Indiana and will conclude with Saint George's Anniversary Banquet at the same location.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring and congratulating Saint George Romanian Orthodox Church on their 100th anniversary. Throughout the years, the clergy and members of Saint George's have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality and guidance through the protection of the Romanian Orthodox faith and traditions.

Their constant dedication and commitment is worthy of our admiration.

RECOGNIZING VIRGIL REYNOLDS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Virgil Reynolds, a very special man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

I join with your family and friends in expressing best wishes on your significant achievement. I commend you on attaining such a high honor and your superior contributions to your community. Becoming recognized for your remarkable achievement reflects both your hard work and dedication. I am sure you will continue to hold such high standards in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Virgil Reynolds for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout. I am honored to represent Virgil in the United States House of Representatives.

INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION COM-
MENDING VILLA PARK POLICE
DEPARTMENT UNDER THE DI-
RECTION OF VILLAGE PRESI-
DENT JOYCE STUPEGIA AND
CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN J.
PAYNE

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Villa Park Police Department under the direction of Village President Joyce

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